

# Why The “W” Should Not Be Capitalized in “word of God”

## When Referring to The Scriptures or The Bible

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Why do people capitalize the word "Word" when writing about the Bible? Isn't the word "Word" of God the Lord Jesus Christ? And isn't the written word the words of God? Not to be personified by capitalization? This seems to be the consistence that is in the Bible: Word always refers to the Lord Jesus Christ in a pre-incarnate or incarnate form. Example: Pre-incarnate: John 1:1; 1 John 5:7 and the incarnation John 1:14; 1 John 1:1. Then there is the reference to Returning Lord Jesus Christ in Revelation 19:13. But NEVER in the Bible is the Bible or the scriptures referred to with the capitalization. So, why do people do that? Are they elevating the written words to a level above the Lord Jesus Christ? Are they worshiping the Bible? Or is this just a non-issue?

The use of the capital “W” when talking about the word of God the Bible or Scriptures has become very common place among many in the churches these days. The Bible believer knows that the Word of God is NOT the WRITTEN words it is the INCARNATE Word of God: Jesus Christ as seen above. This is a neo-evangelical blurb attempting to give some kind of credibility to the Bible by capitalizing the “W” like I just did to the letter “B” in Bible. But this is not the same thing. THIS is one of those things where God made a DIFFERENCE in the King James Bible where the words or word of God is always lowercase and the upper case Word is the Lord Jesus Christ. Where ever there is a capital “W” for the Word of God it is referring to Jesus Christ the incarnate Word. And where ever it is lower case “w” it is referring to the written or spoken word of God and or the words themselves in particular.

Here are the examples of the written or spoken word of God: 1 Samuel 9:27; 1 Kings 12:22; 1 Chronicles 17:3; Proverbs 30:5; Mark 7:13; Luke 3:2; Luke 4:4; Luke 5:1; Luke 8:11; Luke 8:21; Luke 11:28; John 10:35; Acts 4:31; Acts 6:2; Acts 6:7; Acts 8:14; Acts 11:1; Acts 12:24; Acts 13:5; Acts 13:7; Acts 13:44; Acts 13:46; Acts 17:13; Acts 18:11; Acts 19:20; Romans 9:6; Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 14:36; 2 Corinthians 2:17; 2 Corinthians 4:2; Ephesians 6:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Timothy 4:5; 2 Timothy 2:9; Titus 2:5; Hebrews 4:12;

Hebrews 6:5; Hebrews 11:3; Hebrews 13:7; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Peter 3:5; 1 John 2:14; Revelation 1:2; Revelation 1:9; Revelation 6:9; Revelation 20:4. They are all lower case when it comes to the “w” in the word “word”.

I know some people do not realize this DIFFERENCE and seek to lend more credibility to the written words of God by capitalization of the “W” in word of God, like that is the proper name of something. However, the proper NAME of the words of God IS the Holy Bible which is capitalized because there is nothing else that goes by that NAME. However, to make a distinction the BIBLE refers to Jesus Christ as the Word of God and to the Scriptures as the word or words of God. This always seems to cause a division between the Bible believer and the neo-orthodox or neo-evangelical.

Now don't get me wrong here, I did NOT say that I divide FELLOWSHIP over this issue, I DO NOT; and don't make this a PERSONAL attack: IT IS NOT. The Bible is the RULE for the believer and words in communication are IMPORTANT to convey the correct understanding of what you are thinking: if you use Word of God for the Bible, then you are claiming according to the Bible that the Bible is Jesus Christ! You see how that can be confusing. I know you don't mean that at all. That is why it is an issue. If you want to lend more credibility to the word of God by capitalization; perhaps you should stick with the word Scriptures or Scripture or Holy Bible or The Authorized Version or The King James Bible. They are all the same: the written words of God that can be spoken but NOT the incarnate Word of God, because the two are NOT identically the SAME! And just for arguments sake please do not run to the creative acts of God in Genesis and say that God used Jesus Christ to create everything and therefore when it uses the word in the lower case referring to creation it is talking about Jesus Christ and is NOT capitalized! What you would be missing here is that Jesus Christ was NOT incarnated YET! He was the VOICE of God; but not incarnated as the Word of God until the New Testament. So, while He was God in the Old Testament He was not yet manifest in the FLESH. Even though He took the form of the Angel of God; he was NOT yet made as the MAN-GOD yet. The incarnation of the Word of God is one of the most basic beliefs of Christianity and the separation between the word or words and the Word is absolutely one of THE most important things the Believer MUST understand before he can rightly divide the word of truth: 2 Timothy 2:15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Usage in the Bible shows that it was not His name until the Word was INCARNATE because prior to incarnation the words God spoke were audible and NOT incarnate. This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased was spoken by God the Father while Jesus Christ was ON EARTH, the words the Father spoke were NOT Jesus Christ parse, however, Jesus Christ confirmed the fact that He

was ONE with the Father and thus God the Father could speak from heaven while the INCARNATE Word was on earth, because He was also WITH God in the Heavens. This is kind of like trying to explain the space / time continuum and how ETERNAL LIFE came INTO TIME and DIED!

The incarnation IS that very ETERNAL LIFE we know Him as Jesus Christ and the Word of God was chosen before the world began to die for the sins of the world. This is He who was before TIME: that ETERNAL ONE who made all things by the word of his power. But for this to be his name he must be BORN. He was not known as Jesus Christ before Birth and he was not known as the Son of God before His birth; why would he be known as the Word of God or the Word. The KNOWN issue is what we are talking about. God was not known as the Godhead prior to the New Testament. The Jews rather use Jehovah than Elohim because Elohim is a word similar to the word Godhead: implying a plural God; because these words being singular are within their definition a plurality.

The incarnation of the Word, sets the precedent for the Word to be named the Word thus even though the Word existed prior, and God knew the Word to be who He was; it was yet to be revealed who He was. This is because God has secrets to protect from the enemy: 1 Corinthians 2:8, "Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." And still does.

It is still a fact that the Bible does not declare Jesus Christ as the Word of God prior to the New Testament. And THAT after all is the point. The written word of God should never be confused with the Word of God.

So when you say: "...God really has no concern for those things..." I would like to know why you think that. I believe God IS concerned for those things because the "THOSE THINGS" are His WORDS! And His words are precious, pure, Holy, precise and eternal. Not even a Jot or a Title will be altered... I know it's not a Title, it's a tittle... I was making a yoke... The jot I am referring to is CLARITY in a proper name which God is MOST concerned with because that NAME is the name of His Son. The concern I have is clarity however. If you said: "The Words of God" quite frankly I would think you meant the Bible, but if you said: "The Word of God" then I would struggle to think what you are referring to seeing BOTH the Bible and Jesus Christ are both called by this. But because it was given by the PROPER NAME IN ENGLISH THROUGH CAPITALIZATION; my first inclination would be that you are talking about Jesus Christ and NOT the Bible. THAT is the confusion I am talking about. Because IF the writer was talking about

the BIBLE and NOT Jesus Christ, then the reader would be miss-lead to believe the writer was talking about Jesus Christ instead of the Bible itself. The other trouble I have with the usage is that the neo-orthodox and neo-evangelical scholars union all use this to refer to the Bible. They are intent on CORRECTING the book and will do it subtly or in your face! The subtle manipulation and alterations should NOT go unnoticed by the Bible Believer: especially when it has to do with the words of God. If it were not for THIS I would not make much of a deal about this. But as Bible Believer's we should strive not only for clarity and precision in our own words, but when dealing with the words of God, we should quite a bit more strive for the masteries. God is very concerned for the little things or I would never have been saved!

This is much greater thing than me getting saved actually: because it was by the words of God that I got light on salvation to get saved! I take great pangs study out a thing before I ever present it in public. I usually leave the subject bleeding, dead of both before I have decided on which side I am to align myself with. I do not say anything that I do NOT believe is important or that I think God has no concern over. If God has no concern over this issue, then why capitalize the "W" EVER? Why not leave it lower case always? I believe God IS concerned for those things and much more, I believe God inspired my Bible so that the Word of God always means the Incarnate Word which IS Jesus Christ and NEVER the written or spoken words. THAT is what GOD did: not me! I am just showing what God did as an example for us to follow in THIS case.

These are the references for the capitalized word: John 1:1 (THREE times); John 1:14; 1 John 1:1; 1 John 5:7; Revelation 19:13. Every time this shows up as "Word" it is always a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ as a proper name and NEVER the written or spoken words or word of God. This is a "John" thing as it only shows up in John's writings and only in the New Testament.

Calling the Bible the Word of God would be like calling Jesus Christ "the Bible"! It is a distinction that should be followed; no pun intended: to the letter!

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